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Thomas Aquinas develops
official Roman Catholic philosophy

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Kublai Khan, then 44 years old was leading an army on the banks of the YANG TZE in SONG territory when a rider brought news of MONGKE's death. He soon heard that his youngest brother, ARIGH BOKE, was maneuvering in KARAKORUM to become the new KHAGAN. Kublai broke off the attack and withdrew to northern China, when the mongols captured this realm

from the JIN, Kublai as grandson of Genghis had
been granted a share of the spoils: huge fiefdom
of land & peasants. He spent much of his
life in China. He even built a capital there,
it was called SHANG DU - the "XANADU" of Coleridge's
poem.

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MÖNGKE died and Kublai was elected Great Khan. His authority was confined to the East, ~~and~~ The Western Khans (CHAGATAI, IL-KITAN, and the Golden Horde, all went their own way.

1259-1286

1912 Dates J-BK

ERIK GLIPPINGSEN, King of
Denmark.

1259-1282

Michael VIII Palaeologus was Byzantine
Emperor

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Kublai Khan became leader
of Mongols